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SEPTEMBER, 2009



THERE IS A REASON FOR THE SEASONS
NEW BEGINNINGS!!

HARC OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW
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TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 9 , at 7:30 PM

NOTE: No scheduled meeting in August due to the Barbeque.

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.
 Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2009 **Hannibal, MO ARC 2009 Exam Dates**

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by

contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2009 test fee will be \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.



Where's the Beef!! Chief cooks at the Barbeque

HARC Barbeque Sat., Aug 1ST, 2009

We had our annual club barbeque on Saturday August 1st, 2009, at Huckleberry Park Pavilion. The club provided, Pork Chops, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, buns, and Fred's wonderful Raspberry Tea. Everyone brought dishes of yummy food. We over ate, but had a great turnout, and a good time! See you next year!

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting recorded by:
Fred-KBØWIL...HARC Secretary...**

Date: August, 2009

Locations: Huckleberry Park-Hannibal Mo, Quincy Hamfest-Quincy, Ill, and the World Famous Redneck Retreat-Barry Ill.

Note: No meeting this month of August, 2009, so I'm reporting activities from various locations that the club members were present.

Treasurer's report: Tony-WØPGL



Cash-\$ 753.61 CD-\$ 1,274.02 Total assets: \$ 2,027.63

Repeater report: Fred-KBØWIL

The repeaters are operating as intended, working great.

HARC-Barbeque report: (Saturday) Aug, 1st, 2009

The barbeque was excellent. Howie-KØDFW did a most stupendous job as the head barbeque chef. Tony-WØPGL and Fred-KBØWIL were his assistants. We applied the barbeque sauce, and turned the meat as instructed by Howie. The weather turned out very nice, with the sun shining, and it had cooled off, compared to Field Day weekend.

The food that everyone brought, was most excellent. Thank you to all who made the barbeque a success this year. We had approximately 40 members, family and guests attend. We already have Huckleberry Park reserved for the barbeque in 2010! So, don't miss out, and be there next year. Thanks to Lori Barnes for purchasing all the items and being Howie's gopher, for all the stuff he would have forgotten.

Quincy Hamfest: (Saturday) August, 8th, 2009

The Quincy hamfest was a lot of fun this year, as usual. The weather was a little hot, but everyone drank, so we didn't notice it was hot. We just drank water, tea, or soda...Lol. Nothing too hard. The tailgating was up in attendance this year, which was good to see. We had all the HARC officers present, and matter of fact, Howie, Tony and J.D./ Bonnie were all selling good radio junk. I was the only officer not selling, I was busy buying. I saw several HARC members buying and looking around at all the good stuff. I do want to thank the Quincy club, for doing this every year, I know it takes a lot of planning and preparation. Hope to see you all back up there again next year.

Redneck Retreat Update: (Sunday) Aug 9th, 2009

If you didn't attend the shindig at the World Famous Redneck Retreat this year, you missed a lot of fun. It's always fun helping Carol-WA9EFV to celebrate his birthday. Of course, it's really fun making fun of Carol, which is very easy to do..Lol. Coonie, is always good backup, as we all know "Bart talks too much", as this is what Coonie says. Surely we jest, Carol would never talk too much? The food that was carried in was great, with all kinds of good stuff to eat. Thank you very much, Nancy and Carol both, for inviting all of us over, and for all the food they bought as well for this great event. We all enjoyed it, and I know I will be back next year. Carol informed me that there were approximately 50 guests eating and talking. Coonie and I did a lot of the eating.

MEMBER UPDATE: August, 2009

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I wanted to let you know that Luan-KC9PGS is now a General, and Larry-WB2UFO is now an Extra. They both took the exams after the Quincy Hamfest and they both did very well. Congratulations on advancing in the amateur radio ranks.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2009

See you there.

PRESENTATION BY BILL WHEELER, K0DEW, who has been collecting and restoring Collins equipment for over twenty-five years. The show is on the 20V-3 broadcast transmitter he has restored. Bound to be a great presentation.



Bill at K0DEW - Look at some of his collection!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW



Well summer is almost over. The days are getting shorter and school started for my 10 year old son this week but not before we got a week of trout fishing in the Missouri Ozarks. Boy let me tell you! The fish were biting. We limited out everyday, and we had fish frying in the camp. Tasted pretty good too! It felt good to get away from the taxidermy business for a while and pursue

something alive and kicking. My little, well, not really so little anymore, boy, Colton, was out on a mission to catch his first rainbow trout. Man, let me tell you it didn't take long. Even momma limited out on trout. We were in hog heaven!!!! Heard a few hams talking on 2 meters when we were on a hill top down there near Salem, Missouri. Never talked to any of them. I made several calls, but no one answered. I guess I wasn't in their group! What a shame.... I could have warmed up their repeaters for them.

If you missed the club bar b que, you missed a good one. Even if I have to say so myself, the food was pretty good!! The boneless pork chops off the grill, just melted in your mouth and I was told, the burgers and hot dogs were pretty good too. Everyone had a good time and really enjoyed themselves. I think having the bar b que really works out a lot better than trying to have it on field day. Field day is a task in its own self. Being president, and trying to organize both to happen on the same day, really blows one's mind. That is, if I had one to start with!

I went over to the Quincy Ham fest this year and enjoyed meeting a lot of new hams from around. I didn't sell much, but I did see a lot of things changing hands. The only thing that I have against this ham fest is it is usually about 95 degrees, and there is "no" shade, and I really think this keeps the ham fest from growing any. Though the national trend, since the invent of the internet, is for all ham fests to be down. I personally think this ham fest would do better if they could locate a shaded place to have it, or move it to spring or fall, away from the heat. Anyway, I always look forward to it, and will go back. I hope next year they have donuts. I was giving Danny, NG9R, heck because they didn't have any donuts! I told him I always ate my breakfast when I got there, but not this year. Next year, I am bringing my own! Donuts for sale, and eat the rest! tee hee!

Cold weather isn't far away and you had better be getting your antenna work done because when it is 10 below zero you can freeze your brass monkeys working on antennas then! I don't have much to talk about this month, but one thing that I do want to say is congratulations to Luann and Larry for their upgrades in license. Look out HF here comes Luann!!!! Now, Carol's equipment will start disappearing from his house, and start showing up in Quincy! :-)

Well, I hope to see everyone September 9 at the usual meeting place!

73's

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Howard K0DFW



DX Horizons September 2009 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

As I type this, we're enjoying beautiful Fall weather in the middle of August – very strange! But it's wonderful. I took advantage of the cool days this past week to do a project I've been talking about for the last several years. With the help of Jerry K0GUG and Fred KB0WIL, we put up a K9AY receive loop antenna for 80 and 160 meters. I can hardly wait for this Fall and Winter to see if it will help me hear DX on 160 meters! Now on to the big DX news for September.

FR/G Glorioso. The Glorioso DXpedition looks like it's finally going to happen in late September, using the call sign FT5GA. A message from team leader F5OGL on the group's web site says the FT5GA team has the flight tickets from Paris to the Réunion Island airport. Their departure is scheduled on September 11th and the return on October 8th. The information about the French Forces Transall flight from Saint Denis to Grande Glorieuse will be published as soon as the FASZOI Hq will have confirmed them. (FASZOI = French Armed Forces for the South Indian Ocean Zone). The stay on Grand Glorieuse is planned for about three weeks length. All the gear has been picked up and is now ready packed on pallets, to be sent to the Reunion island. For updates, go to: <http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/index-e.htm>.

There's been a lot of talk the last year about when the new sunspot cycle will begin, and usher in better band conditions for DX'ing. WWV and other sources provide valuable information about sunspots, solar flux, and the A and K indices. One of the best shareware programs that monitors

space weather parameters and puts all the necessary data on your Windows desktop is Ionoprobe. This program is published by Alex VE3NEA, author of DX Atlas, another excellent aid for DXers. Ionoprobe also integrates with DX Atlas. Ionoprobe can be downloaded and tried for 30 days free. After that, registration is \$20 if you like it. Check it out at: <http://www.dxatlas.com/IonoProbe/>.

That's it for this month. Don't forget to check the latest DX news in the daily and weekly DX bulletins.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE REDNECK RETREAT GET-TOGETHER AUGUST 9, 2009

Carol, WA9EFV, and Nancy Bartlett had another Redneck Retreat Get-Together on August 9, 2009.



Happy Birthday Carol, WA9EFV



Coonie begging for hugs from these three beautiful ladies!
He loves his hugs!

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The line up! Which One?????



Who is this on WA9EFV's 'KOBOTA'????



Luan, is this the line-up for the out house?



"Look, the tree has a face!" WD9CHG, Jack's granddaughter



Fun time was had by all, and the food was great!
Thanks Carol and Nancy for a great day!
Can't wait until next year!

OUR 'HAM OF THE MONTH'
Dave (LEE) Scranton W9WE



C.W.- The secret of my success: hi hi

I'm 54 years old, and have been an amateur operator for a little over 4 years. While messing around with air traffic control systems and ILS for small aircraft, I became interested that C.W. was still used to identify beacons. These facts got me looking for Morse code applications used today. This led me to ARRL and radio licensing in early 2005. Tested in Aug, and made General. Then in Nov., made it to Extra. First license was KC9IBL... W9WE...in mid-2006. That was my introduction to ham radio.

I grew up at Pleasant Hill, IL, and graduated from High School there in 1973. I married Mary Jo Otten after a year or so of courting, in 1974.

My father J. W. Scranton, and mother, Deloris, lived in Pleasant Hill for many years, and now live next door to us, here in Quincy, so we can keep up with them.

In 1978-1982 I served in the U.S.A.F. in Altus, OK. My job there was to maintain the 141 and C-5 aircraft, as an aircraft maintenance specialist. I did my tour of duty there. Mary and I decided to stay on for a while, and we ended up staying in Altus for a total of 21 years. We moved back to this area in 1998. During that time I was licensed as a plumber in OK. State, and have been in the trade since then. Now, I am also doing pipe fitter work for the Rock Island, IL local # 25. This work keeps me traveling, which limits my time to work the radio, and be part of the Emergency Management, here in the Quincy and Hannibal region. I still do storm spotting, if I am here at the same time the storms blow through.

I have two rigs now. A Kenwood TS-180s, which still works great, and a newer Icom-751a which now has the C.W. filters, making life as a contester

much more pleasant. Antenna's here are very limited, but functional, main antenna is an 80 meter G5RV at about 35 feet. Hamsticks when mobile, and sometimes using my 20 meter G5RV for the ILQP. Which, by the way, I am looking forward to again this year... See you there. I'll again be on the Pike/Calhoun line operating H.F. C.W.

At the present time I am working hard on learning Spanish. This is also a life goal for me. Also this desire is boosted by the fact that I want to apply for a Gov. job that requires that you read, speak, and type Spanish language at #30 wpm. So what I am saying, is that if I can bring my code speed, and my language skills up to 30 wpm, at the same time, and be able to type out all of that confusing dits, dots, dashes, and slashes in C. W., and the host of new terms in Spanish then things will be back on track.

This reminds me of when I was studying for the ham license test. Things are really F.B. when your goals are getting a little closer. But it seems that the carrot is always swinging back out there a little further. Keeping up with all the new computer gizmos and widgets can also be intimidating, as about every day or two you have to download an update.

Thanks for the chance to get to know all of you here in the area. If not for amateur radio, I would not have met any of you. This is the best part of radio. Meeting the greatest people from all walks of life, making lasting friends, and seeing what really makes amateur radio work. "" You ""

Thanks, C.U.L. 73

Lee W9WE David L Scranton



Dave & Mary Jo

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST OF VOLUNTEER OPERATORS SEPTEMBER 2009

7	KBØWIL	FRED
14	WØAJD	JD
21	WØPGL	TONY

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28 N9UPG BILL

THANKS TO ALL!

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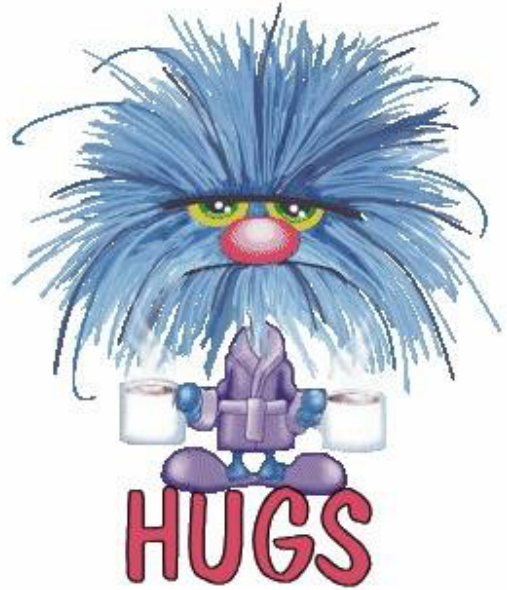
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Have another great month!
 Bonnie.....WBØWAP



Remember this is your club!! Be sure to participate in all of the upcoming yearly activities, Field Day, August picnic, and monthly meetings. Let's have fun with friends, and with an interesting & fun hobby. Watch our web-site,

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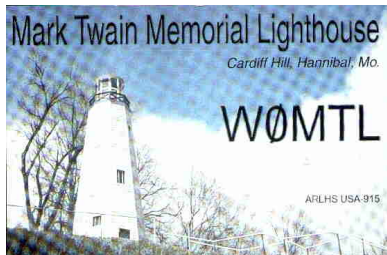
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